to that that the Registrar recommended that the work may be taken up and the Government sanctioned the work. Am I right?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—No. It was found only when we knew that this Kochu Sankara Menon had not the right to part with the property. I made a local inspection and then it was found out.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know whether the fact that the well was too near the site was observed by the authorities when the letter printed on the last page of the question book was addressed by the Registrar to the Government?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—I made a personal inspection of the site only when there was complaint that the alleged Pattadar, Mr. Kochu Sankara Menon is not the rightful owner of that property and then I found out that there was this difficulty also.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know what is the right of Kochu Sankara Menon who gave the well to the Government?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—He has no right at all.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—What will be the expense of acquiring that site?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—It will cost much. The owner wants the building also to be acquired. That is the trouble.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know what will be the cost of acquiring the site on which the well stands?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—The cost of acquiring the well with all the necessary appurtenances will come to about 2,000 rupees.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know what are the appurtenances?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—The building. The original idea was that the well should be widened. But he made a very loud protest. I think there is some fact also in it because the building may collapse at any moment.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Did not the Registrar notice this when he reported to the Government?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—I am sorry I did not notice it.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—What is the distance of this building from the well?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—The well abuts on the side of the building. It is what you call the *Adukkala Kinaru*.

147. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Council table the Government order referred to in sub-division (c) of the previous question No. 146 as also the letter read as second paper in the above order?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael.**—Copies of the Diwan's Proceedings and the letter are appended. (*Appendix V*).

## Imprisonment of Mr. Cherian Manjuran.

148. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be

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pleased to state why Mr. Cherian Manjuran was not placed in any of the superior grades of classification?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Mr. Cherian Manjuran was not placed in any of the superior grades of classification because the triple classification provided in the Jail Rules relates only to convicted prisoners. Mr. Cherian Manjuran is only a security prisoner who chose to go to Jail, by not furnishing security.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Sir, may I know whether there were not some other questions on the same subject matter closely preceding or following this in the original?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Yes. There were a series of questions on the same matter.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Were they not coming one after another?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Yes.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Then the point of order of yesterday comes again. It is against the promise Government gave during the last budget session, that closely allied questions will not be split up. I want a ruling from the chair.

**President.**—This is not a point of order. I can only give rulings on the rules which are prescribed by the Regulation, the Rules and the Standing Orders of the Council. You did not request that all those questions should be answered on a particular day.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—May I get the information from the Government?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—We always try to answer questions on one and the same subject on the same day. How can we know that all these questions are allied or not? It is a matter of opinion. And further all these questions are not answered by one single department alone. We had in all 400 questions and 100 questions were received only 4 or 5 days back. These are sent to the Heads of Departments for answering and they are not received in the Huzur on one and the same day. We answer them as we get from the Heads of Departments. It is not possible for us in the short space of time that is available to find out distant relations between them if there are any and arrange them in that fashion. If there is any obvious relationship, as for example the questions prior to this one, then we generally bring them together. This question reads quite independently of any other question.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—May I know whether there was not a definite promise?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—No, no.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Are the Government aware that in British India, Civil Disobedience Prisoners, who deliberately go to jail are classed separately from the ordinary prisoners in consideration of their status and position in life?

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**Rama Varmha Tampuran;**—We have not ascertained the practice there.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will you kindly ascertain?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—We will consider it.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Is not Mr. Cherian Manjuran an educated man?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—It is all a matter of opinion as to who is educated and who is not. I would say he is cated.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Does he not come from a landed family?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—I want notice.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Is he not a relative of our Law Member?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—I want notice.

**Providing a latrine for the Trichur Magistrate's Court.**

**149. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) whether they are aware of the great inconvenience and hardship caused to the litigant public on account of the absence of any provision for latrine arrangements in the Trichur Second Class Magistrate's Court; and

(ii) if so, what steps they have taken to remedy them?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—(i) Yes.

(ii) Steps are being taken to remedy the inconvenience.

**District Registrars—revision of pay of.**

**150. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received a petition from the District Registrars for revision of their pay;

(2) if so, what action they have taken upon that matter?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—(1) Yes.

(2) No action was taken in view of the present economic depression.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know, Sir, the number of District Registrars in each of the 4 grades?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—There is 1 in the first grade, 2 in the 2nd grade, about 6 or 7 in the 3rd grade and 19 in the 4th grade.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of rearrangement in the number of District Registrars in these grades at least?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—It was not considered till now. We will note this.

**President.**—We will now take up the detail discussion on the budget.

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